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## Titusville Morning Herald.

Titusville, Friday, July 13, 1866.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

## Agents for the Morning Herald.

Pittsburgh—N. Hurd & Co., G. W. Hurd,  
C. C. Hough, J. M. Hough, Petroleum Centre,  
Blairmore & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
H. Watson, P. M. Coffey—KAROLY & FARNWORTH,  
Denton & Clark, P. M.—  
West End Hotel—G. W. Hurd, Titusville—A. H. Williams.

## New Advertisements To-Day.

List of Letters—J. H. Baker, P. M.

Furniture at Less than Cost—Russ &amp; Farel.

Atlas Wanted—H. Paul, Jr.

Machine Shop—J. Locke &amp; Son.

Skin &amp; Oysters' Minstrels—Steve, Agent.

Appleton Institute.

## READING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE.

The Great Oil Fires of 1865—A

Twelve Months' Record—Loss Nearly

\$1,000,000.

An examination of the files of the Morning

Herald for the last year shows that all the great

configurations which have occurred in the oil re-

gion were within that period.

The first fire was owing to the bursting of

three wooden tanks belonging to the United

States, on Pittsfield Creek. The accident oc-

curred on the 10th of June, 1865. The tanks

contained 3,000 barrels of oil, which ran down

the creek and was wantonly set on fire by boys.

The well, which was then rated at \$20 barrels per

day, (an exaggeration) remained uninjured.

From this accident resulted the project of con-

structing iron tanks for storage, first brought

to the public attention through the columns of

this paper.

The celebrated Grant well (No. 10) Holmwood,

Farm, took fire on the night of the 1st of August.

It had been tested in the morning, and was pro-

duced during 300 and 400 barrels per day.

No tanks had been erected and the burning oil flow-

ed in every direction. Two persons were burned

to death and seven or eight others were severely

injured. After raging seven hours the fire was

quenched by forcing a tin funnel over the orifice

of the tubing, conducting the oil to a greater dis-

tance, and then trenching the tubing and smother-

ing the flames with dirt. This feat was mainly

accomplished by Mr. S. L. Kilburn, at great per-

sonal hazard. This simple invention, suggested

by the exigency of the occasion, was afterwards

patented, and has been very frequently resorted

to under similar circumstances.

A fire occurred at the Baker Well on Watson

Lane, on the night of September 8th, destroying

sixty barrels of oil. A boy was slightly burned.

On Saturday, September 3d, about 10 o'clock

a.m., a disastrous fire occurred at Petroleum

Centre. It originated at Anderson well No. 1,

communicated to the tanks which burst and sent

their flaming currents to well No. 2, and the oil

refinery of Timothy Collins. The fire was ar-

rested by building dams across the ravine. It

raged with great violence for four hours, and

destroyed property to the value of \$11,000. Two

men were seriously but not fatally injured.

A fire occurred at the Baker Well on Watson

Lane, on the night of September 8th, destroying

sixty barrels of oil. A boy was slightly burned.

On Tuesday night, September 10th, the once fa-

mous Sherman well terminated its career by an

accidental configuration, which destroyed eleven

tanks, two engines and engine-houses. The well

was pumping 30 barrels per day. "A Croaker

blower" was subsequently applied, and the produc-

tion partially restored. Loss by fire, \$12,000.

The Grant Well, Holmwood Farm, took the a

second time on the 9th of October, from the ex-

losion of a barrel of crude oil, which was being

used for fuel at well No. 4 on Morey Farm. At

the time of the fire the production of the Grant

Well was rated at 1,000 barrels per day. It had

seven or eight 1,000 barrel tanks filled with oil,

or, counting all together 7,000 barrels of oil. The

drilled nearly eight hours, consuming eight

tanks, eleven derricks, engine houses and cu-

ghines. The total loss of property was estimated

at \$20,000. No other producing well was burned.

On the 1st of November the engine house of

well No. 135, Miney Farm, took fire from the

explosion of the furnace, and was destroyed.

The well and tanks were saved with difficulty.

The Fannucoker well was burned at Fann-

ville on the night of December 2d. Eight hun-

dred barrels of oil, two engine houses, three large

tanks and four derricks were destroyed. Loss

\$16,000. The well was flowing 50 barrels per day.

It was fully restored.

The old Noble well and buildings adjacent

were burned Dec. 6th. Loss \$10,000. One man

fatally injured.

A horrible accident occurred at the Monitor

refinery, Petroleum Centre, on the 20th of De-

cember, by the explosion of a coulisse. Four

men were very seriously burned, one fatally.

Loss about \$2,000.

The first fire on Bonnehoff Run occurred on

the 30th of January, and resulted in the destruc-

tion of 11,350 barrels of oil, valued at \$37,750,

and \$90,000 worth of tanks, derricks, engines and

machinery, making a total loss of \$77,750. The

fire ignited from the spark of a smoke stack.

The Central Petroleum Company containing

2,000 barrels of oil, it was unburned. The well

was extinguished after four hours duration.

On the 23d of March a very destructive fire oc-

curred on the Stevenson Farm, caused by the

bursting of one of the Oscar Company's tanks.

The oil running down the ravine and communica-

ting with a furnace where it took fire. The re-

factories of Parker, Baker, Ferri &amp; Co., and Prin-

ce &amp; Pinney, besides the houses and machinery

of half dozen oil companies and a large amount

of oil. The loss exceeded \$20,000.

On the 1st of April the oil refinery of Van

Horne &amp; Co., on the Holmwood Farm, was de-

stroyed, with a small quantity of oil. Loss \$10,000.

Accidental.

On the 18th of April an incendiary mob fired

Henry Harley &amp; Co.'s tanks at Shafter. The

burning oil ran down to the railroad track and

consumed four tank cars belonging to Doane &amp;

Co. The loss was about \$10,000. Fully insured.

A few days afterwards the operators were re-

presented by the same mob, numbering one hun-

dred men, who fired upon the guards, and then

set fire to the tanks. The pipes of the company

were then transparent about 2,000 barrels per day.

There was but little oil in the tanks and the

mob would assume a more steady and health-

ful condition than has ever previously been the

case.

There is more truth than conjecture, a sound

sense than theory, in this policy, and it is

high time for the interests of this section that it

be put into practice. This will be the "Game's

Time." Mr. Gomez, the inventor of this has de-

voted a considerable period of his life

to the study of gunpowder for practical

purposes.

The officers of the Grand Chapter of H. R. A.

Masons of Pennsylvania will make an official

visit to Meadville on the 10th inst. On that

day they will inspect the work of Solomon's

Chapar in that city; and on the 20th a Royal

Arch Chapter will be constituted for Titusville,

the constitution ceremonies taking place in

Meadville. The occasion will be one of great

interest to all R. A. Masons in this vicinity.

SKEP &amp; GARDEN'S MINSTRELS.—This popu-

lar band will give two more of their unique and

inimitable performances this (Friday) evening

and tomorrow evening. Their songs, witcras

and banter, the grand musical panorama of

Sherman's March to the Sea, and the astonishing

feats of the Howitzer Boy draw crowded houses

wherever they exhibit. This is their last appear-

ance in Titusville.

BONNEHOFF FIRE.—A fire broke out on late

7th, Stevenson Farm, on Wednesday last at 4 a.m.

and destroyed the engine and engine house.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It is supposed

to be the work of an incendiary. No workmen

were on the ground at the time.

A 7000-bushel "Jack" is undergoing the inspec-

tion of another trial at Buffalo today, for pound-

ing or killing somebody somewhere for some-

thing.

A 7000-bushel "Jack" is to come off at Pittole

next Saturday. The part are Crowley and Healy

and being in the oil region.

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